J*r of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have conducted any survey for exploring the possibility of underground Oil and* Natural Gas in the Kachh and Saurashtra Regions of Gujarat State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and in which districts the survey was carried out;

(c) whether Government haveassigned work relat v/v (Ethyl Alcohol) shall be packed and sold mpany and what is the cost of this

(d) by when this work is likely to be completed alongwith the names of the districts of Kachh and Saurashtra regions in which there is a possibility of availability of natural gas and oil reserves; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to U) In Saurashtra-Kutch (onland) Regions of Gujarat State aero-magnetic, geological, gravity-magnetic and 2D seismic surveys have been carried out. Also Magneto-Telluric Transient-Electromagnetic, Deep Electrical Surveys and Deep seismic sounding surveys have been conducted in Saurashtra. In addition to this, one exploratory well in Saurashtra and five exploratory wells in Kutch have been drilled.

The above work has been conducted in Jamnagar, Veraval, Junagarh, Rajkot, Amreli, Surendramuvr and Bhavnagar districts of Saurashtra and Bhuj district of Kutch Region.

Government has approved award of a contract for exploration for oil and gas in block GK-ON-90/2 in the Gujarat-Kutch basin in Gujarat. Negotiations for finalisation of the contract are in progress. Expenditure will depend on the work programme appoved.

Alcohol limits for Homoeopathic Drugs

*209. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the approximate ratio between the cheapest homoeopathic dilutions/mother tinctures to that of country liquor;

(b) the criteria according to which the Government fixed 12% alcohol limit for the Homoeopathic preparations;

(c) whether any study has been made to find out as to how many homoeopathic dilutions/mother, tinctures and medicine* can be prepared with 12% alcohol preset iptions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No definite information is available.

(b) As per Rule 106-B of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, no homoeopathic medicine containing more than 12% alcohol in packing or bottles of more than 30 ml. except that it may be sold to hospitals/dispensaries in packings or bottles of not more than 100 ml.

(c) No,. Sir.,

(d) Does not arise.

Running of Direct Trains from Madnrai to Mumbai and Delhi

*210. SHRI PASUMPON THA KIRUTTINAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a.) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to run direct trains from Madurai to Mumbai and to Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(c) if not, what are the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) lack of resources.

डबल रोटी निर्माताओं को सस्ती दरों पर गेहूं की आपूर्ति

*211. **श्री सुंदर सिंह भंडारी :** क्या **खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने छोटे पैमाने के डबल रोटी निर्माताओं को सस्ती दरों पर गेहूं उपलब्ध कराने की उनकी मांग स्वीकार कर ली है ;

(ख) उपभोक्ताओं को डबल रोटी किस मूल्य पर बेची जाएगी;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि डबल रोटी का निर्माण कर रहे बड़े उद्योगों को सस्ती दरों पर गेहूं की आपूर्ति की जा रही है ; और